UNITED
NATIONS

E

Economic and Social Council

Distr.
LIMITED

E/CN.9/1998/L.3
26 February 1998

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Thirty-first session
23-26 February 1998
Agenda item 3 (a)

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: HEALTH AND MORTALITY

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Robert Louis Cliquet (Belgium), on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission on Population and Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Importance of population census activities for evaluation of progress in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1995/7 of 19 July 1995 in which it urged Member States to carry out population and housing censuses during the period 1995-2004.

Taking into account the report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination at its nineteenth session, 10-13 February 1998,[1] which, inter alia, addresses the prospects for the 2000 round of population and housing censuses,

Emphasizing the importance of up-to-date population and housing census information for implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the country level and for decision-making by Governments on a wide range of policy issues,

[1] To be issued as E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.12 and Add.1.

Mindful of the technical limitations of sample surveys as vehicles for the collection of data on adult mortality, and recognizing that methods exist for the collection of data on deaths in households in the course of a population census,

1. Invites Governments to give priority to the planning and undertaking of the next population and housing census;

2. Recommends that countries lacking adequate vital statistics systems give due consideration to the collection and analysis of data in the 2000 round of population censuses for the estimation of levels of mortality;

3. Calls upon relevant organization of the United Nations system, donor Governments, through multilateral and bilateral mechanisms, and non-governmental organizations to provide the necessary support to those countries in need in undertaking such censuses, including the building of national capacity.